

# BOARD UPDATE

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## PUBLIC HEARING

**Dr. Stacy Daugherty**, director of testing, conducted a public hearing on the 2006 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Galena Park Independent School District Board of Trustees were recognized in honor of School Board Recognition Month with a proclamation from the City of Galena Park from **Mayor Bobby Barrett** presented by **Craig Eichhorn**, director of communications.

## RECOGNITION

• The following new administrators were introduced: **Lee Brown**, principal at Cloverleaf Elementary; **Ofelia Garza**, principal at Sam Houston Elementary; and **Christopher Griffith**, assistant principal at North Shore Middle School.

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Mark Goza**, coordinator for student support and health services, presented information on Talent Search while **Travis Fanning**, GEAR-UP advisor, presented information on GEAR-UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness of Undergraduate Programs).

## REPORTS

• **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

## NEW BUSINESS

### CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

• **Project No. 817/ 818-2004**

Approved final payment to Momentum Contractors, Inc. for the completion of the work and documentation for the Maintenance/SS Project as presented.

• **Project No. 115B-2003**

Approved final payment to Harris Construction Co. for the completion of the work and documentation required by the contracts for the Southwood Trace Canal Bridge project as presented.

### GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

• **Authorized** the district's Administration to proceed in hiring 146 teachers for the 2007-2008 school year as presented. This will allow GPISD to hire in advance qualified candidates in the spring of 2007 to meet the anticipated needs of opening Sam Houston Elementary in August 2007 and to offset the average number of teachers lost every year due to attrition.

• **Approved** early release days for Galena Park High School and North Shore High School as presented. Early release days for the second semester are January 24, February 7 and March 28.

### FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

• **Approved** a resolution for the Interlocal Participation Agreement between Galena Park ISD and the Buy Board (Local Government Purchasing Cooperative) as presented.

• **Adopted** the resolution and **approved** the addendum to the current Delinquent Tax Contract as presented.

• **RFP #26-006 – Building Repairs**

**Approved** the awarding of a contract to I.C.D. Services for districtwide building repairs for a period of one year with two years renewal options as presented.

• **Approved** the proposed budget amendments for the month of December 2006, as presented.

# Trustee Spotlight

The old cliché “hit the ground running” certainly applies to June Harris for many reasons. She has been very busy in her role as Trustee since being sworn in during the July 2006 Board Meeting, but, as an avid runner, she literally hits the ground running several days each week.

Harris, a long-time district volunteer, has lived in Galena Park ISD for almost 15 years and has been active in many areas with the district, including the District Planning and Advisory Committee and several School Bond Committees.

“I’ve been such a big supporter of the district for so long that it was only natural for me to stay involved once my children graduated high school,” she said. “I came on board at a very interesting time since there are so many uncertainties with the State Legislature and specifically the school finance issue.”

Harris and her husband, Ken, have been married for 30 years and both of their children graduated from North Shore Senior High School. Zachary, part of the North Shore class of 2001, continued his educational career at Texas A&M University and accepted a job with Comerica Bank upon his graduation. Elizabeth, a 2003 graduate from North Shore, is an English major at Texas A&M.

Her love for running began in 1998 when she ran to train for a hiking trip throughout the Grand Canyon. She loved it so much that she has stuck with it ever since. She recently completed her eighth Houston marathon and has now finished a total of 13 marathons.

Harris runs at least 10 miles every weekend and runs four miles every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in addition to her running club, which runs for seven miles each Wednesday night.

“Not only is it fun and a great way to stay in shape, but I’ve met so many wonderful people through running,” she said. “Everybody that I’ve met has been so positive and full of energy and the people who support all those who run a marathon are just amazing. I’ve enjoyed every marathon and have learned from each one.”



**June Harris**  
**Trustee**